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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A linear motor (M) has a linear motor movable element (10) made up from a group of permanent magnets (1a - 1d), and a linear motor stator (20) made up from two electromagnetic coils (2a, 2b). The polarization directions of the permanent magnets (1a, 1c) of the linear motor movable element (10) are opposite to each other in a y-axis direction perpendicular to an x-axis direction which is a moving direction. The permanent magnets (1b, 1d) with the same rectangular parallelepiped shape and a polarization direction rotated from each other through 90° are arrayed between the permanent magnets (1a, 1c). An ideal sine wave magnetic field is thus formed.